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Inventor(s)	Ramesh NAGARAJAN et al.
Group Art Unit	2616
Examiner Name	Steven Blount
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Ramesh NAGARAJAN et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2616  
Examiner: Steven Blount  
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ASSIGNMENT IN OPTICAL TRANSPORT NETWORKS  
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**Response**

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated October 18, 2006 ("Office Action") and respond as follows.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
Total	14	-	20	=	0
Independent	4	-	4	=	0